



KETTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1967

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit herewith my Annual Report for the year 1967. The report is presented in the form required by the Ministry of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	17,735
Population estimated mid-1967	3,900
Number of inhabited houses	1,287
Rateable Value	£176,979
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£740

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live births - legitimate	28	25	53
- illegitimate	-	3	3
Still births - legitimate	-	1	1
- illegitimate	-	-	-

	<u>District</u>		<u>England & Wales</u>
	<u>Crude</u>	<u>Corrected</u>	<u>1967</u>
Live Birth Rate	14.4	14.4	17.2
Death rate	9.5	11.5	11.2
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	Nil		18.3



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CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	1	3
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	3
Coronary disease, angina	4	3
Other heart disease	2	1
Other circulatory disease	-	1
Pneumonia	-	2
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	3	-
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	1
Congenital malformations	1	-
All other accidents	-	1
	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1967.

Disease	Under 1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	$\frac{5}{9}$	$\frac{10}{14}$	$\frac{15}{24}$	$\frac{25}{34}$	$\frac{35}{44}$	$\frac{45}{64}$	$\frac{65}{\text{and over}}$
Measles	1	6	6	7	6	11	2	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Acute pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
C.S.Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

No cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1967.

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TABULAR STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS

Housing	177
Meat and Foods	20
Factories	23
Offices and Shops	18
Refuse Disposal	111
Sewage Disposal	225
Building	413
Rodent Control	114
Miscellaneous	418
Total	<u>1,519</u>

NOTICES SERVED

	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Complied With</u>
Informal	26	21
Statutory	4	4

MEAT AND FOODS

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the District, the requirements of the two local butchers being met chiefly from the Stamford Abattoir.

It was not necessary to condemn any foodstuff in the District during the past year.

Preserved Food, etc., Food and Drugs Act.

There are no changes in the Register to report.

Milk and Dairies

There are no changes in the Register to report.

FACTORIES

There are no changes in the Register to report during the year and it has not been necessary to issue any Notices.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

It is gratifying to report that for the third year running there have been no cases of Infectious Diseases requiring investigation or disinfection neither has it been necessary to take any action in respect of verminous persons or premises.

Enquiries were made into a suspected case of food poisoning but this was not confirmed.

NEW BUILDINGS

106 Plans were deposited of which 87 were approved, 18 were exempt from Building Regulations and 1 was deferred.

The approved plans included those for 16 private dwellings comprising 10 at Ketton, 5 at Ryhall and 1 at Clipsham. An interesting plan deposited was for the County Council Old Person's Home at Ketton.

24 Private dwellings were completed during the year comprising 10 at Ryhall, 8 at Ketton, 3 at Little Casterton and 1 each at Clipsham, Tinwell and Tixover.

In addition 4 Council bungalows were completed at Great Casterton and 2 at Ketton.

SCAVENGING

This service has continued to operate very smoothly during the year and this is reflected in the very few complaints received. Thanks are due to the collectors, who have now worked together as a team for the past seven years, for this happy state of affairs.

The hiring of standard dustbins continued to be a popular service and in itself contributed to the efficiency of the collection.

The tip on the Empingham Road, Ketton, was filled at the beginning of the year and soiled down and since then considerable efforts have been made to obtain a new tip.

After agreeing terms and conditions with the owners of a suitable site in Ketton, a planning application was made and this has subsequently been refused chiefly on the grounds of possible water pollution.

A joint meeting was held with the Surveyors of the District Councils in Rutland and the County Planning Officer with a view to a joint scheme of refuse disposal but little progress had been made by the end of the year.

It seems obvious to me that for this District, controlled tipping is still the most economic and satisfactory way of dealing with the disposal of household refuse. The Ministry of Housing and Local Government Publication entitled "Pollution of Water by Tipped Refuse" emphasises that "controlled tipping is generally a satisfactory method of refuse disposal and there is no reason why it should not continue to be widely used".

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work was commenced on the Tinwell sewerage scheme in August and good progress had been made by the end of the year.

A local inquiry by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government was held into the proposal for sewerage at Essendine and enlarging the Ryhall Works and approval in principle to this scheme was obtained at the end of the year.

The disposal of sludge from the works at Ketton, Great Casterton and particularly Ryhall continued to present many difficulties, but the acquisition of the tractor was a great boon in this respect and with the ready co-operation of a number of farmers, several hundred tons were cleared from the Ryhall works alone. The three attendants deserve special praise for the manner in which they carried out this uncongenial task.

A further 19 premises were connected to the sewer at Ketton and 11 premises at Great Casterton.

Throughout the District a total of 25 pail closets were abolished and replaced by water closets.

Approximately 80 pails are still emptied weekly, but it is good to see that this number is now diminishing as each year passes, due to the provision of new sewerage schemes.

RAG FLOCK ACT

There are no registrations in force in the District.

PET ANIMALS ACT

There are no licensed premises in the District.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

The one establishment at Ketton registered under this Act ceased to be licensed during the year.

WATER SUPPLIES

Water for the Parishes of Clipsham, Essendine, Great and Little Casterton, Ryhall and Tinwell is supplied by the South Lincolnshire Water Board whilst the Nene and Ouse Water Board supplies Tixover and Ketton. There is a private supply for the Parish of Pickworth.

I have received from the Water Boards the results of 54 water samples taken during the year for bacteriological examination; of these 50 were satisfactory and 4 unsatisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL

The system whereby rodent control work in the District is carried out by means of a contract with a private Pest Control Company continued to operate satisfactorily. The contract provides for the regular supervision of all the Councils undertakings, and the treatment of private dwellings following the receipt of complaints. Business premises are treated on a rechargeable basis. Arrangements can be made for dealing with other pests, such as wasps, cockroaches, moles, etc., but this is only carried out on a rechargeable basis.

65 premises were treated for rats and 6 for mice and of this number 52 were dwelling houses.

Test baiting of sewers in the Parishes of Ryhall, Great and Little Casterton and Ketton proved them all to be clear of rats except for a minor infestation of two manholes at Ketton and this was quickly eradicated.

I would like to emphasise here how important it is to destroy rats and mice.

Rats damage buildings, spread infection such as Weil's disease and it is thought Foot and Mouth disease, and they eat costly foodstuffs. It has been estimated that £50,000,000. damage per year in Great Britain is caused by rats.

Rats multiply so fast that even a few can produce an extensive infestation very quickly. One pair of rats, if uncontrolled, will increase to a population of 800 in 12 months.

It necessarily follows that everyone should be on the alert for signs of rats and mice and the Local Authority must be notified immediately these pests are suspected (on non-agricultural land this is an obligation in law).

The Council provides a free service for rodent disinfection at private dwelling houses in the District.

HOUSING INSPECTION

As only six old persons bungalows were completed during the year, limited progress was made in the slum clearance programme but 6 houses were dealt with during the year.

Detailed drawings were again being prepared in respect of the long awaited redevelopment of the 'Long Row' area, High Street, Ketton.

Efforts were made to redevelop the site embracing 48 - 51 Aldgate, Ketton, but so many conditions were imposed on the making up of roads around the site that the Council had no alternative but to inform the owner that they could not proceed with the scheme.

During the year 13 houses were brought up to Discretionary Grant Standard and 3 to the Standard Grant requirements.

18 Applications for grants resulted in the award of 9 Discretionary Grants, 1 enhanced standard grant and 8 standard grants.

Work was completed on the installation of bathrooms to the 12 Council Houses at Great Casterton and on the installation of indoor water closets to the 4 Agricultural Houses in the same parish.

Plans were approved for the installation of bathrooms to the 8 Council Houses at Tinwell.

No. of Visits	177
No. of Houses inspected	68
No. of Houses found unfit for habitation	12
No. of Houses not in all respects fit	47

Remedy of Defects

No. of Houses made fit as a result of informal action	20
No. of unfit houses closed as a result of Closing Orders	3
No. of unfit houses closed by accepting undertakings from owners	4
No. of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	1
No. of cases of overcrowding discovered	-
No. of houses made fit by accepting a programme of works	1
No. of houses where part of a house closed by Closing Order	1

MOVABLE DWELLINGS

No additional sites have been licensed during the year.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Statistical information is given on a separate sheet.

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AND SURVEYOR

FACTORIES ACT, 1961, PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on Register	Inspec- tions	Number of Written Notices	Occup- iers Prosec- uted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	7		
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	12	16		
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers Premises)	-	-		
TOTAL	19	23		

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	Found	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
		Remedied	To H.M. Inspec- tor	By H.M. Inspec- tor	
			Referred		
Want of Cleanliness					
Overcrowding					
Temperature					
Inadequate Ventilation					
Ineffective drainage of floors					
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective					
(c) Not separate for Sexes					
Other offences against The Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).					
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - Outwork (Sections 133 and 134) NIL

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

TABLE A
REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises (1)	Number of premises newly registered during the year (2)	Total number of registered premises at end of year (3)	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year (4)
Offices	1	3	3
Retail shops	2	4	4
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	2	2
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	9	9

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises	18
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TABLE C
ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	3
Retail shops	5
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	10
Canteens	2
Fuel storage depots	-
TOTAL	20
Total Males	6
Total Females	14

